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The attitude of Berliners toward the FDJ Whitsun Rally was described as follows:

1. Official proclamations, addresses by key personalities of the German Democratic Republic (DDR) and statements by socialist Unity Party (SED) members increasingly stress that West Berlin will be conquered, over the Whitsun holidays, in complete order and by the impact of propaganda rather than by revolutionary outbreaks.
2. The older generation and all those veteran Communists that are opposed to the SED's complete subservience to the Soviets, reject any violent measures. This was learned in repeated conversations with old acquaintances who are known to be communists with a German attitude. However, they too are anti-West.
3. In view of the circumspect attitude of the older party members the SED belabors the FDJ with all means of propaganda. Many FDJ leaders are anything but reserved in their speeches. The largest contingent of the FDJ advance parties that has already arrived in Berlin come from Saxony.

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